

NEBRASKA GIS STEERING COMMITTEE
January 9, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
Department of Roads, Main Auditorium
1500 Nebraska Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska
PROPOSED MINUTES

ROLL CALL PRESENT (authorized to vote*):

Steve Henderson	*	Chair, Office of the CIO
Paul Yamamoto	*	Dept. of Environmental Quality
Less Howard	*	University of Nebraska Conservation & Survey Division
Josh Lear	*	Natural Resources
John Erickson	*	Governor's Policy Research Office
Rob Christian	*	PTD
Ryan Christensen	*	Dept. of Roads
John Beran	*	State Surveyor's Office
Jim Langtry	*	USGS Geospatial Liaison for NE, Nebraska Water Science Center
John Miyoshi	*	Lower Platte North NRD
Lash Chaffin	*	League of Nebraska Municipalities
Duane Stott	*	Scotts Bluff County Surveyor
Thomas Rauner	*	Dept. of Health & Human Services

Others:

Larry Zink, GIS Steering Committee Coordinator
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO
Rose Braun, Dept. of Roads

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE ATTENDEES

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. There were 10 voting members present at roll call. There was a quorum to conduct official business. The Open Meetings law was posted on the south wall of the room. Guests made introductions.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

There was no public comment.

[APPROVAL OF MUNIUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2008](#)

Mr. Miyoshi moved to approve the January 9, 2008 minutes as presented. Mr. Yamamoto seconded. No corrections were offered and a roll call of the members present passed the motion unanimously.

IMAGERY INITIATIVE UPDATES

[NI-ROC \(Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthoimagery Consortium\) 2007 Update](#). The project is near completion. Some areas had to be redone due to technical issues. It is estimated the project will be completed by the end of March or early April. Mr. Zink's understanding is that this will be shared information but persons will need to get authorization and verification from the counties.

[FSA 2006 Statewide 1-meter Imagery -1](#). The 2006 1-meter imagery is all here and processed. The data is available from the Department of Natural Resource web site. The 2007 2-meter is in the downloading process.

[NEBRASKA GEOSPATIAL DATA SHARING & WEB SERVICES NETWORK UPDATE](#)

The most of the funding for the project has been received, with the exception of the \$60,000 that was targeted from state agencies. The Office of the CIO is in the process of hiring the coordinator through the University of Nebraska. The application deadline is the end of January.

STREET CENTERLINE ADDRESS WORK (NDOR, NPSC, STATE PATROL) ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION UPDATE

Mr. Zink is convening the first meeting for the end of January or the first part of February. The Office of the CIO in conjunction with the Nebraska State Patrol is developing an RFP. Members expressed a concern regarding how we might get more the Public Service Commission's involvement and collaboration with GIS and 911 efforts.

METADATA & GEOSPATIAL DATA CATALOGUE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

MAGIC will be conducting regionalized metadata training sessions. Nebraska will be hosting a session. Adonna Fleming from the University of Nebraska-Libraries has agreed to work with Michael Schonlau organize the training. Ms. Fleming and a co-instructor from Iowa will lead the training.

LIDAR UPDATE

Mr. Langtry reported on the status of the LIDAR initiative for the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture. Mr. Langtry is working with the Joint Venture to explore funding and grants opportunities. At this point the LIDAR initiative has expanded beyond just the Rainwater Basin to also include the Republican River Basin and potentially the Platte River. It is estimated the project will begin this Spring with the potential goal of data gathering to occur in the Fall of 2008.

NHS STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT

Mr. Langtry and Mr. Zink have been working with the Department of Natural Resources regarding an NHD Stewardship agreement. It has been sent it to USGS for review. They recommended some changes which were made and it is now in the administrative office for review and signature. It is anticipated this will be ready for presentation at the next meeting.

WEBSITE

The GIS Steering Committee's website is now being hosted by the Office of the CIO (<http://www.cio.nebraska.gov/gis/>)

GIS STRATEGIC PLANNING

At last meeting, the committee approved the formation of a Strategic Planning committee. The committee has applied for an FGDC grant to get assist the GIS Steering Committee with its strategic planning process. Awards will be announced by March 1st.

Members did not have any suggestions or recommendations to the proposal.

ANNUAL REPORT

One of the handouts at the meeting was the [Current GIS Steering Committee's Statutes](#). (Click on link for full document.)

[GIS Steering Committee Structural Proposal Discussion](#) (*resource document for discussion below*)

Mr. Zink proceeded to review and discussion of the proposal items. Members made no changes to items B, C, E, F, G, L, N, O, P and Q. Below are the recommendations and suggestion made to the proposal items:

A. Direct Link with NITC and CIO. Establish a direct link between Nebraska GIS Steering Committee, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC), and the Nebraska Chief Information Officer (CIO) either by making the GIS Steering Committee an advisory body to the CIO or by revising state statutes to replace the GIS Steering Committee with an Intergovernmental GIS Coordinating Council reporting directly to the NITC, with the CIO being a designated member.

Mr. Henderson reminded committee members of the NITC performance audit recommendations that the NITC have more authority and oversight of policy issues and policy making and of operational aspects of I.T. efforts of the State of Nebraska. New legislation will be introduced proposed this recommended change. The recommendation of GIS and NIDCAC coming under the umbrella of the NITC may or may not be an amendment to the legislative bill. Members were asked to give this some thought so it can be discussed later on in the meeting.

D. Require Coordination of Large Geospatial Projects. Establish a statutory requirement that state agency projects, or projects involving state dollars, that involve the development of geospatial data costing an aggregate of \$25,000 or more be coordinated with the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee. This requirement is not intended to be bureaucratically burdensome, but have communication and coordination as a goal.

It was recommended not to make this a statutory requirement due to the Budget Office developing a new budget application that will identify any I.T. proposals. It was suggested to change the wording “statutory requirement” to “process or procedure”.

I. Standing Implementation Partnership Agreement. Explore the development of a standing MOU or interagency agreement between the Department of Natural Resources, the UNL School of Natural Resources, and the new Department of Information Technology and other interested public entities to provide a readily available institutional arrangement to facilitate implementation of future collaborative GIS/geospatial enterprise projects.

Mr. Zink will include information regarding the data sharing project.

M. Strengthen Nebraska Geospatial Data Center. Work with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to annually define the desired services and related resource requirements of the Nebraska Geospatial Data Center to support growing GIS/geospatial enterprise needs and services and advocate for those resources.

Restructuring Alternative for Str. Cmte. Consideration

Members were asked to vote on the following restructuring alternatives for the GIS Steering Committee:

1. Status Quo. Maintain current GIS Steering Committee structure as it is currently outlined in statutes – no recommendation for change
2. Slight Modification. Modify slightly the current GIS Steering Committee structure as it is currently outlined in statutes by recommending the addition of NEMA, GIS/LIS Association, and tribes and seeking sufficient funding to reimburse all interested members for travel expenses. (previous recommendation in '05)
3. Moderate Restructuring - A. Modify current GIS Steering Committee structure to include the changes outlined above in (2) and include 5 at-large representatives representing five geographic regions in the state (this would increase the at-large members by 3 and tie them to geographic regions). This would increase the Str. Committee membership total to be 25 members.
4. Moderate Restructuring – B. Modify current GIS Steering Committee structure to include the addition of NEMA, GIS/LIS Association, and add the following language “and such other members as specified by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission”.
5. Major Restructuring - C. Direct affiliation with the NITC and maintain statutory definition. Seek to have GIS Steering Committee remain in statutes, but only define broad membership/representation categories instead of specific representation, specific members appointed by NITC based upon recommendations from Str. Committee Possible statute language:

The Geospatial Information Systems Council is hereby created and shall consist of 18 - 25 members representing the users of this technology including: state agencies, county and municipal government, regional public entities, federal agencies, Nebraska tribes, geographic regional representation, professional associations, and the **(private sector)**. To facilitate a broad cross-section balance of the active users of the technology, the NITC shall appoint Council members to four year terms.

6. Major Restructuring – D. Direct affiliation with the NITC and forego any statutory definition. GIS Steering Committee/Council would be created and defined by the NITC via a “Charter” process. There would be no statutory reference to the GIS Str. Committee/Council. Categories of Committee/Council membership would be determined via a “Council Charter” process and the NITC would have final say on membership in the GIS Council. This is consistent with other current NITC Councils: State Government Council, Education Council, Community Council, and EHealth Council.

Round 1 was done to narrow down the option. Voting was done by a hand count vote. Voting tally was as follows:

Option 1-1, Option 2-1, Option 3-1, Option 4-1, Option 5-3, and Option 6-4

Round 2 was to vote on Option 5 and 6. The voting tally was as follows:

Option 5-6 and Option 6-5

It was suggested to develop a draft charter. The charter can be presented to the NITC to see if this is feasible. This way, depending on the recommendation the GIS Steering Committee will be prepared for the hearing. Mr. Zink will develop a charter and will circulate electronically to members for their input.

Mr. Miyoshi moved that the GIS Steering Committee preference is Option 5 Direct affiliation with the NITC and maintain statutory definition. Mr. Erickson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

[Revised Nebraska GIS / Geospatial Data Enterprise Coordination Proposals based on meeting discussion.](#)

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Members were given an opportunity to provide reports on agency activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m. by acclamation.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Larry Zink of the Office of the CIO.